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## Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2002

To: City Councilmember Colvin Roy

Referral to:

**Subject:** Public Works cost and activities relating to annual National Night Out observances.

**Recommendation:**

**Previous Directives:** Public Works directed to report back to committee with information about National Night Out.

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By: Brian J. Gregerson

Presenters in Committee: David J. Sonnenberg

### Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

☒ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.  
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- ☐ Other financial impact (Explain):

☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

### Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification

City Goals

Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Code

Other

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

On Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, the Transportation and Public Works Committee directed Public Works to return in the next committee cycle with all costs and activities undertaken for the purpose of the National Night Out (otherwise known as "Take Back The Night").

The Public Works activities and costs related to preparation for and the clean-up from the National Night Out block parties, occur almost entirely in the Field Services - Street department. The major activity that is necessary for National Night Out is the distribution and subsequent pick-up of barricades. In 2001 this meant barricades for over 525 block parties, a number which has increased steadily over the past few years. National Night Out provides the single biggest requirement of traffic barricades of Public Works thus we have had to acquire additional barricades, just for this purpose,

There are usually time constraints in getting ready for National Night Out, thus also requiring a certain amount of overtime. After the event, the retrieval of the barricades is accomplished mostly on straight time, but over a longer time period.

Also, our Transportation Field Operations organization expended a few hours and accumulated some expenses for the posting of signs and working with MTC about modifying bus routes in the areas being barricaded.

In 2001, the expenses related to National Night Out came to about \$25,800, of which about \$21,000 was salaries and fringe benefits. Only \$2,265 of the total expenses was overtime.